

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 9

February 21, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Calls for a convention of the states, referred to as the “planning convention”, consisting of commissioners duly chosen and authorized by their respective state legislatures, for the limited purposes of (a) planning for and recommending rules and procedures to the prospective convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution, and (b) recommending to Congress the initial date and location of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment.

Creates the Balanced Budget Amendment Convention Committee comprised of six members of the General Assembly to be appointed by the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives. This committee is charged with coordinating the logistics of the planning convention.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (002289, 003861): Amendment 002289 adds language to the first resolving clause stating that commissioners duly chosen to serve for the purpose of the planning convention may be selected jointly by the majority leadership of each legislative chamber, in default of such choices being made in the manner as their respective state legislature determines.

Amendment 003861 replaces the Lieutenant Governor with the Speaker of the House of Representatives as the person who shall call the planning convention to order.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Balanced Budget Amendment Convention Committee members will meet during the current legislative session and will not receive per diem or travel reimbursement for serving on the committee.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-18-103(a), at the time delegates and alternate delegates are elected, the general assembly shall adopt a joint resolution to provide instructions to the delegates and alternate delegates regarding (a) the rules of procedure, and (b) any other matter relating to the Article V convention that the general assembly considers necessary.
- It is assumed this joint resolution is necessary for establishing the basic framework for creating the planning convention and for appointing members; but not for the appointing of specific members to the planning convention. As a result, it is further assumed that a subsequent joint resolution will be required in order to appoint specific members to the planning convention and for providing the necessary instructions to those members pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-18-103(a).
- It is anticipated there will be state expenditures associated with the planning convention once convened for travel and expense reimbursements paid to appointed members pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-18-110(a). However, such state expenditures will be reflected on the subsequent joint resolution necessary to appoint specific members to the planning convention and for providing such members the required instructions.
- Any impact to state expenditures related to this joint resolution for establishing the framework of the planning convention is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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